

39. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
WALSH OF NEW YORK, OR
HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1950, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. WALSH OF NEW YORK**

Page 77, after line 3, insert the following new section and (amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 SEC. 258. AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF IRISH PEACE

2 PROCESS CULTURAL AND TRAINING PRO-
3 GRAM.

4 (a) AMENDMENT OF PROGRAM.—

5 (1) Section 2(a)(2)(A) of such the Irish Peace
6 Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998
7 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended by adding at the
8 end “No participant in the program may have a de-
9 gree from an institution of higher education.”.

10 (2) Section 101(a)(15)(Q)(ii)(I) of the Immi-
11 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
12 1101(a)(15)(Q)(ii)(I)) is amended—

13 (A) by striking “35 years of age or young-
14 er having a residence” and inserting “21 to 35
15 years of age, unemployed for not less than 6
16 months, having resided for not less 6 months in
17 the Republic of Ireland or the United King-
18 dom,”; and

19 (B) by striking “36 months” and inserting
20 “24 months”.

1 (3) Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Na-
2 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(e)) is amended by in-
3 serting after subsection (p) the following:

4 “(q)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no per-
5 son admitted under section 101(a)(15)(Q)(ii)(I) or acquir-
6 ing such status after admission shall be eligible to apply
7 for an immigrant visa, or for permanent residence, or for
8 nonimmigrant visa status under this Act until it is estab-
9 lished that such person has resided and been physically
10 present in the country of nationality or last residence for
11 an aggregate of a least two years following departure from
12 the United States.

13 “(2) The Secretary of Homeland Security may waive
14 the requirement of such one-year foreign residence abroad
15 if the Secretary determines that—

16 “(A) departure from the United States would
17 impose exceptional hardship upon the alien’s spouse
18 or child (if such spouse or child is a citizen of the
19 United States or an alien lawfully admitted for per-
20 manent residence); or

21 “(B) the admission of the alien is in the public
22 interest or the national interest of the United
23 States.”.

1 (b) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—Section 2 of the Irish
2 Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of
3 1998 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (d)(1) by striking “2006,”
5 and inserting “2008,”;

6 (2) in subsection (d)(2) by striking “2005,”
7 and inserting “2011,”;

8 (3) in subsection (a)(3) by striking “the third
9 program year and for the 3 subsequent years,” and
10 inserting “each program year”.

11 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES.—The
12 Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act
13 of 1998 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note; Public Law 105–319) is
14 amended—

15 (1) by striking “Attorney General” each place
16 it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Se-
17 curity”; and

18 (2) by striking “Immigration and Naturaliza-
19 tion Service” each place it appears and inserting
20 “Department of Homeland Security”.